GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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HUMAN TRAFFICKING
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the recent US report on human trafficking;

(b) if so, the comments made in the said report on India;

(c) the reaction of the Government thereon; and

(d) the corrective measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) Yes, sir. The Government is aware of the `Trafficking in Persons Report-2006` released on 5.6.2006 by the United States Department of State.

(b) The report is generally critical of the Government & its machinery for its alleged failure to show evidence of increasing efforts to address trafficking in women and girls for the purposes of commercial sexual exploitation as also trafficking in men, women & children for the purposes of forced or bonded labour.

(c) & (d) Government is fully alive to and concerned with the problem of human trafficking and is taking several measures, in concert with the State Governments for prevention and control of crime of trafficking as well as measures for rehabilitation of victims. The Union Government has advised all the State Governments to deal with the crime of trafficking in a holistic manner and to evolve an effective and comprehensive strategy encompassing rescue, relief and rehabilitation of victims besides taking deterrent action against the law violators.